

# Brentwood NEWSLETTER



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*From left to right: Robin Wrighton with Ben & Jerry, a four-year-old team of Holstein oxen; Jane Savage and Rebecca Davis, riding; Randall Davis and oxen owner, Roger Crosby.*

## Town-Wide Clean Up Day

On Saturday, October 3rd, residents turned out to keep Brentwood looking good. The fall town-wide cleanup, organized by the Brentwood Conservation Commission, started at 8:00 am at the Rec Center with coffee from Heavenly Donuts and apples, cider and donuts from Apple Annie's. While a little chilly at the start, everyone welcomed the dry weather. Folks spread out throughout town to pick up litter before it is covered in snow and eventually washes into the streams and rivers in town. We want to thank all the residents who came out to help as well as everyone that regularly picks up litter in front of their property. We keep Brentwood looking good when we all work together.

The photo is from the Conservation Committee sponsored spring cleanup in April. We are always excited to see the oxen team out and helping with the heavy lifting. To avoid accidents and injuries, please use caution when passing working animals or horse riders on the road.

If you are driving a vehicle and approach a horse and rider, or in this case a team of oxen and their driver, please slow down, move over and pass with care. While animals on the road are probably well trained, they can be unpredictable and with a little caution injury can be avoided. If you are riding your bike, walking or jogging and want to see the horse or oxen up close, please approach with caution and always ask the rider or driver if you may come near.

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## New Middle School Building Committee Established

A committee was recently established to evaluate expanding the Cooperative Middle School (CMS) building. I was invited to join this committee as a representative of Brentwood, which I gladly accepted. I wanted to take a moment to provide information about the goals of this new committee, our progress, and to assure you that Brentwood is represented.

The committee was very recently formed with the first meeting taking place **October 14**. The committee is composed of individuals from each of the six towns that the cooperative serves with members from within the school system, such as an assistant principal at CMS, as well as community members.

The general goal of the committee is to review the needs of the middle school, evaluate expansion of the CMS building, and provide recommendations to the Exeter Regional Cooperative School District Board. The Building Committee will examine factors such as enrollment, student safety, academic learning, changes to student support programs, and financial implications. Specific building expansion plans and construction estimates will be reviewed prior to putting forward a recommendation.

Initial need studies have been performed and architectural proposals submitted. The building committee will be working hard in the coming weeks and months to gather more information, develop a recommendation, and communicate our findings with the community.

It is ultimately the Cooperative School Board that will decide whether to ask the voters for a bond article to expand the school. There are many potential outcomes – one of which is that a bond article will be asked for this year, but that may not be the case. To my knowledge, it has **NOT** been decided at this time whether to put forward a bond article as they await recommendations and further information from a variety of sources include the Building Committee.

I look forward to representing Brentwood and will keep you informed as to our progress. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

**Krista Steger**

[ksteger@brentwoodnh.gov](mailto:ksteger@brentwoodnh.gov)

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TOWN OF BRENTWOOD  
www.brentwoodnh.gov

## TOWN CLERK and TAX COLLECTOR

Phone: 642-6400 X 14  
Mon., Wed., Thurs. 9:00 am-4:30 pm  
Tuesday 9:00 am-8:00 pm  
Friday 8:30 am-4:00 pm  
Saturday 9:00 am-12:00 pm

## MARY E. BARTLETT LIBRARY

Phone: 642-3355  
E-mail: bartlettlibrary@comcast.net  
www.brentwoodlibrary.org  
Monday 2:00 pm-7:00 pm  
Tuesday 9:00 am-5:00 pm  
Wednesday 9:00 am-5:00 pm  
Thursday 9:00 am-7:00 pm  
Friday 9:00 am-1:00 pm  
Saturday 9:00 am-1:00 pm  
Story Hours:  
Tuesday 10:30 am and 2:00 pm  
Wednesday 10:30 am

## TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Phone: 642-6400 X 10 Fax: 642-6310  
Monday–Thursday 8:00 am-4:00 pm  
Friday 9:00 am-12:00 pm

## PLANNING BOARD ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY

Phone: 642-6400 X 16  
Monday-Thursday 8:00 am-4:30 pm  
Planning Board meets the 1st and 3rd  
Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm

## SWASEY CENTRAL SCHOOL

Phone: 642-3487  
Swasey on the Web: <http://scs.sau16.org>  
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## THE BRENTWOOD NEWSLETTER

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## November Recycling Dates

November 3 & 4 • November 17 & 18

Please note: Trash collection will NOT be delayed for  
Veteran's Day or Thanksgiving holidays

## Waste Tonnage Figures

	<u>August</u>	<u>September</u>
Tons, mixed solid waste	105.24	125.63
Tons, recycled goods	12.52 (10.6%)	14.12 (10.1%)

## Fire Department Run Report for September 2015

1 Building Fire	1 Building Weakened
1 Grass Fire	1 Service Call
1 Outside Storage Fire	8 Good Intent Calls
30 EMS Calls	7 False Alarms
5 Motor Vehicle Accidents	2 Possible Explosion Hazard

## Thank you to our Mailing Crew for October

A sincere thank-you from the community to those in the Amanda's Way neighborhood who assembled the October issue of the *Newsletter* for mailing: Kathy Begin, Annie Christiania, Brianna Consoli, Julie Consoli, Faith Diaz, Karen Diaz, Michael Diaz, Melissa Litchfield, Olivia McGlashing, Lauren McNamara, Linda McNamara, and Dianne Vosgien.

*Linda Rousseau on behalf of the Newsletter Committee*

## Brentwood Democratic Committee Meeting

A The Brentwood Democratic Committee will meet on  
Monday November 9, 7:00 pm at 33 Peabody Drive in Brentwood.

Thanks, Eric Turer  
770-4068

## Deadline for November Issue: Friday, November 20, 2015

E-mail your articles to Email your articles to Lynda McCann  
at [newsletterbrentwood@gmail.com](mailto:newsletterbrentwood@gmail.com) or mail to  
Brentwood Newsletter, 153A Pickpocket Road, Brentwood, NH 03833

## Business Card Directory

\$20 per insertion, available in April, September & December issues.

## Business Article

\$100 half page, \$200 full page, available in any issue.

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## November is National Adoption Month!

A New Support Group for Adoptive Families in the Seacoast Area is Forming! *Support Group for Seacoast Area Adoptive Families* will meet the 2nd Monday of the Month. Meetings will be facilitated by: Catherine Meister, Adoption Program Supervisor, NH Division for Children Youth and Families

### **FIRST MEETING:**

**Monday, Nov. 9, 2015 at 6:30 pm**  
**Pilgrim United Church of Christ,**  
**Brentwood ~ Kingston**  
**197 Middle Road, Brentwood, NH**

All are welcome! Light Dinner and Childcare Provided.  
(Child care since space is limited. – so please RSVP!)  
RSVP: [Catherine.L.Meister@dhhs.state.nh.us](mailto:Catherine.L.Meister@dhhs.state.nh.us)

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## Christmas Shoe Boxes

Purses are now available at the First Baptist Church of Brentwood for you to fill with school supplies, toiletries, books, games or toys and wrapped hard candy to be delivered to children all over the world and right here in our own country. Many have been in the wrong place at the wrong time, in areas that are recovering from war, flood or tornado and poverty. Can't you just see the anticipation as they wait for the signal to open their boxes and the smiles that will appear on their faces?

Boxes may be picked up from the entry of the church vestry of the Baptist Church (corner of North Road and Route 125) and the full ones left there by November 13 so that they can be delivered to the pickup area within the following week. Ordinary shoeboxes can also be used, so long as a label is attached stating boy or girl ages 2-4, 5-9, 10-14 years old.

For more information please call me at 679-8635.

*Alma Vahey*

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## Marriages, Births, Deaths in the Town Report

Any Brentwood resident who had a marriage, civil union, birth or death in 2015 in a state other than New Hampshire and would like the event published in the annual Town Report must send a letter of request along with a copy of the "official copy" of the event to the Town Clerk's Office.

Any Brentwood Resident who had an event occur in New Hampshire and would prefer not to have the event published must send a letter to the Clerk's Office requesting that the event not be published in the Town Report.

**The office will be closed Monday, November 11 for Veteran's Day and from noon Wednesday, November 25th until Monday, November 30th for Thanksgiving.**

*Phyllis Thompson, Town Clerk*

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## Upcoming Holiday Events

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### Merry Olde Faire

The Brentwood Baptist Church on the corner of North Road and Rte. 125 will be holding their Merry Olde Faire on **Nov. 13 and 14.**

Hours are Friday evening from **2:00 pm-5:00 pm.** and Saturday from **9:00 am-2:00 pm.** Tables will include handicrafts, baked goods, next to new items, jewelry, white elephant and on Saturday there will be a chowder luncheon.

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### Christmas Fair and Luncheon

It's that time of year again... Pilgrim United Church of Christ will be holding its Annual Christmas Fair & Luncheon on **Saturday, December 5 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.** There will be good food and joyous live music of the season.

The Craft Tables will feature novelty gifts, some from foreign lands. Sweet treats will be available from our Bake Table and Cookie Walk. There will be a Christmas Boutique offering new and vintage holiday items. You will not want to miss our fabulous Luncheon that includes lobster rolls, chicken salad, and homemade soups.

New this year are: a Silent Auction and a Secret Visitor from the North Pole. Come, Catch the Spirit of the Season!

*Gene Orcutt, Email: [orcu416@comcast.net](mailto:orcu416@comcast.net)*

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### Sympathy

Sincere sympathy is extended to the family of Caroline C. Rosenberg of Exeter, who died suddenly October 14, 2015 at the Exeter Hospital. She was the daughter of the late Joseph and Peggy Franczak, who lived a number of years in Brentwood. She was raised in Brentwood and graduated from Exeter High School in 1969. She was a beauty advisor for Walgreen's Pharmacy in Exeter.

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## The Mary E. Bartlett Memorial Library

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This month of Thanksgiving we would like to express our enormous gratitude for the Friends of the Library organization. As I compose this article, a small group of energetic, hard-working volunteers is transforming the library grounds into the 5th Annual Brentwood Scarecrow Festival. They are putting in countless hours to ensure that sponsors get the recognition they deserve and that families' creative efforts are recognized and enjoyed by all. Earning a special shout out are Jessica Paul, new Friends President Lenore Smith, Caroline Lasewicz (who created all the publicity scarecrows around town) and our own Joyce Keegal. Thank you all for bringing whimsy and delight to our autumn days.

**The Friends of the Mary E. Bartlett Library** is an all-volunteer 501(c)(3) non-profit organization which operates separately from the library and its staff. They are dedicated to supporting our town's library by offering support for equipment or programs not normally provided by public funding (taxes). We hope you will support their upcoming membership drive and **Holiday Craft Fair**, and that you enjoy their annual visit with Santa event on **Saturday, Dec.12**.

### NOVEMBER HAPPENINGS @ MEB

We are pleased to announce the start of the **"Raising Healthy Kids Wellness Series"** in partnership with the Swasey School Wellness Committee. Parents are invited to attend a screening of the film **"FED UP"** at **7:15 pm** on **Thursday, November 5** at the library. Refreshments will be served and a brief discussion will be held following the film.

We are excited to host local author **Don Petterson** on **Monday, November 9 at 7:00 pm**. He will discuss his latest book, *Old Man on a Bicycle: A Ride Across America*, where he relates how, in his seventies, he prepared for a 3,600-mile journey from New Hampshire to San Francisco. He also will entail what he saw and did during the two months he was on the road. Sure to be an inspiring talk!

Please stop by the library on **Tuesday, November 10** to sign a card for our veterans and those enlisted overseas in appreciation of their service to our country.

**Ladies & Gents Movie Night** will be held on **Thursday, November 12 at 7:00 pm**. We will be showing **"Mr. Holmes,"** the story of a long-retired Sherlock Holmes who looks back on his life and the unsolved case which haunts him. Refreshments will be served!

The **Trustees** will meet at **6:00 pm on Monday, November 16**. Public is welcome to attend.

**The Brentwood Bookers** will be meeting on **Monday, November 30 at 7:00 pm** to discuss *The All-Girl Filling Station's Last Reunion* by Fannie Flagg. Copies of the title are available at the library.

**Please note that the library will be closed on Wednesday, November 11 in honor of Veterans Day. We will also be closed November 26 & 27 for the Thanksgiving Holiday.**

We **WILL** be open on Saturday of Thanksgiving Weekend so you can stock up on books and movies!

Check it all out @ your Brentwood library!  
**Betsy Solon, Library Director**



# Swasey School Update

Hello Faithful Reader,

November will be a great month at school as we continue student enrichment activities, technology integration, our annual Grand-friend's Day that draws hundreds of visitors, and our daily instructional projects which keep our students pretty busy. Be sure to keep up with all things Swasey on our website!

Thanks for reading.

## KINDERGARTEN

Mrs. Desmarais held "Getting to Know You Conferences" with kindergarten parents. Parents shared insights about their child and their hopes for this year. These short conferences provide important information and help establish a positive parent-teacher relationship.

Now that students are settled into our routines and are familiar with classroom expectations, the academic curriculum is evident in all areas of the classroom. Whether working in teacher directed or in independent activities, kindergartners are engaged in a variety of learning experiences.

Here are just a few examples of the current curriculum focus areas:

- Students are learning to recognize and describe two-dimensional shapes, accurately count objects, recognize patterns, and sort collections of objects.
- The handwriting curriculum reviews letter identification and reinforces proper letter formation.
- Students are learning to associate letters and sounds.
- We are building stamina for drawing and writing during Writers Workshop, where students draw and write to tell about a familiar topic.
- During Readers Workshop, kindergarten students are reading by using pictures, recognizing words, and retelling familiar stories.
- Students worked as scientists as they observed the maple tree in front of Swasey. They used drawing and labels to record their observation. This will be an ongoing activity throughout the year.

In November, kindergarten students will be introduced to S.T.E.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) as they work together to construct floaters or sinkers. As it is every November, Grand Friends Day will be the highlight of the month!

## FIRST GRADE

We have spent a lot of time in first grade establishing routines and classroom rules. We set goals for the school year and learned about our new classmates. We wrote about our new friends too.

The Brentwood Fire Department came into first grade and taught us about fire safety. We learned about firefighter gear, how to crawl under smoke, about family fire drills and meeting places, and when to use 911. All first graders were given fire deputy hats at the end of the visit.

We are going to Hidden Hollow farm in East Kingston to learn about farm animals, life cycle of a pumpkin, and experience a hayride in the woods. The children will pick pumpkins and decorate it. Science activities at school will include dissecting the pumpkin and observing it decomposing. We will count and graph the seeds from the pumpkin at math time.

## SECOND GRADE

Second grade just returned from a field trip to The Butterfly

Place in Westford, Massachusetts! After learning about butterfly life cycles and raising painted lady butterflies, this was the perfect celebration! Our Hopes and Dreams are in place and we continue to create our communities with Morning Meetings and Open Circle times. We have worked together to establish rules for our classrooms. The focus in math is on learning and practicing strategies for our math facts, as well as explaining our thinking as we solve problems. STEM projects afford second graders the opportunity to work in groups, brainstorm, problem-solve and create! October is prime time to collect and press colorful leaves to create our amazing leaf animals. Parents are invited to participate in this project! We will also research spiders and bats as we continue to explore various life cycles.

## LEARNING IN THE LIBRARY

The first few weeks of library class are always focused on making good book choices and introducing students to the wide variety of reading choices available to them. Not only have our fourth and fifth grade students been immersed in the 20 Great Stone Face selections for this year, but they have also been using the Destiny online catalog to recommend books to each other, write book reviews, and create personal reading lists. They also have the opportunity to participate in a bi-weekly lunch bunch in the library where we discuss books from a selected series or author.

All third grade students have received their "Chromebook Driver's License". This means they are equipped to use a chromebook at any given time to access the Destiny online catalog and find books they want to check out. I can't wait to see where they go! We are reading Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library which incorporates the Dewey Decimal System (which we will be learning about next). It also happens to be by author Chris Grabenstein who is coming to visit Swasey in December.

Our first and second grade students are having fun reading and reviewing the 10 NH Ladybug Book Award Nominees and playing games to help them learn about organization and the sections of the library.

The library is now traveling! Each week our mobile library visits our K and Pre-K students so they can check out books too. Everyone loves selecting a book of their own!

Finally, the fall book fair is coming soon-November 12-18. Look for book fair flyers and information at the beginning of November.

## PHYSICAL EDUCATION

The Physical Education classes have enjoyed being outside this fall. We started with Getting to Know You and Kicking with the foot units. Students will be focusing on the school theme, Kindness, this year as it certainly relates to sportsmanship with responsible personal and social behavior. As we move indoors we will be working on strength using the climbing wall, brain based activities using cup stacking and jumping and landing with ropes.

Cross Country started in early September and the final meet took place on October 15th. There were 57 students involved in grades four and five; 27 girls and 30 boys. The students worked very hard to improve their personal times. Our focus this year was pacing and arm movements. Many students had personal best times throughout the season and it was a successful season for all involved.

As always,  
**Ron Kew, Principal**



*The following article is reprinted from the NHDES Drinking Water and Groundwater Bureau Newsletter. We thought it relevant to our Soak Up The Rain Program because, in addition to the natural contaminants in our drinking water, everything we do on our properties will have an effect on our drinking water and the water in our rivers. Fertilizers we use on our lawns, chemicals we use in our yards to kill weeds, mosquitoes or ticks and chemicals we use in our homes and wash*

*down the sink can all end up in our drinking water. NHDES recommends private well owners test their well water every three to five years for pollutants commonly found in New Hampshire's drinking water. You can go to the NHDES website listed below for more information.*

### **New Web Application Helps Private Well Owners Navigate Water Treatment Decisions**

Private well owners have a new tool to help them make better informed decisions about water treatment systems. NHDES' "Be Well Informed" web application enables well owners to enter test results for common well water contaminants from a lab report. After clicking "submit, users find out whether their water meets drinking water standards (or guidelines), possible health implications of drinking untreated water, and treatment options. While other web-based tools provide treatment information for one contaminant at a time, "Be Well Informed" evaluates test results for multiple contaminants simultaneously, providing water treatment recommendations tailored to user's overall water quality results. The application is a big step forward in terms of

enhancing NHDES' capacity to assist private well users to select the right treatment technology to avoid exposure to arsenic and other common ground contaminants. "Be Well Informed" was built around the testing parameters that NHDES recommends all well users have tested – 14 in the "Standard Analysis" package and three radiological parameters, but users do not have to enter all 17 parameters. The web application will provide results based on whatever information the users enter. Users are urged to consult with water treatment professionals after reviewing their results.

The Web application addresses a key stumbling block encountered by private well users in their efforts to ensure that their drinking water is safe. In May 2014, Dartmouth College's Toxic Metals Superfund Research Program conducted a statewide survey of private well owners for NHDES and found that nearly 1 in 4 private well owners that tested their well water did not initially understand their lab reports while approximately 1 in 3 did not understand what actions to take based on their lab results.

Visit <http://xml2.des.state.nh.us/DWITool/Welcome.aspx> to use this new online tool. Funding to complete the statewide private well survey and the Be Well Informed web application was provided by a grant from the U.S. Centers for disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Contact Pierce Rigrod at (603) 271-0688 or [peirce.rigrod@des.nh.gov](mailto:peirce.rigrod@des.nh.gov) if you have questions or comments.

***Submitted by the Brentwood Conservation Commission**  
(Please like us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/brentwoodconservation](http://www.facebook.com/brentwoodconservation))*

## **Town-Wide Clean Up Day**

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### **New Hampshire law states:**

**Chapter 265:5 Persons Riding Animals; Driving Animal-Drawn Vehicles.** Every person riding an animal or driving any animal-drawn vehicle upon a roadway shall be granted all the rights and shall be subject to all of the duties applicable to the driver of a vehicle by this chapter, except those provisions of this chapter which by their very nature can have no application. Source. RSA 262-A:4. 1963, 330:1. 1981, 146:1, eff. Jan. 1, 1982.

**Chapter 265:104 Approaching Horses.** – Every person having control or charge of a vehicle shall, whenever upon any way and approaching any horse, drive, manage, and control such vehicle in such a manner as to exercise every reasonable precaution to prevent the frightening of such horse, and to insure the safety and protection of any person riding or driving the same. Source. 1981, 146:1, eff. Jan. 1, 1982.

You may have an opportunity to see Ben & Jerry or other horse and riders on the roads around you. Please slow down and move over when possible. Share the road and be safe. See you in the spring for the next Conservation Committee sponsored road cleanup.

***Submitted by the Brentwood Conservation Commission***

## Brentwood's Road Names

Some time ago the *Newsletter* started a series of articles on the streets and roads of Brentwood and how they got their names. Knowing the stories behind our road names is one way to feel connected to the lives and struggles of those who came before us. It reminds us that many worthy people lived and worked on the properties we now own.

The Board of Selectmen has traditionally assigned the names to our town roads. It has been their practice to focus on the names of families and individuals who have been closely associated with the history of the town. Our articles have been only about the roads with individual or family names. We'll start alphabetically.

### Dalton Road

Dalton Road is named after Dr. Joseph Dalton, who moved to Brentwood from Deerfield in 1818 and remained until his death in 1856, at age 66. His home was at the site of the present 5 Dalton Road. There was a small brick lined building that stood in front by the road. It is believed that was his office.

One of his duties was to look after the health needs of the inmates of the town poor farm, receiving sixty-eight cents for each call. The monument at his grave says, "Joseph Dalton, M.D. died Dec. 25, 1856, aged 66. This monument is erected by his patrons and friends in grateful memory of his long and faithful service." The recorded price was \$100.00.

*Information from Brentwood's 225 Years, page 97.*

### Diane McCain Drive

Diane McCain moved to Brentwood with her husband and teenage children in the late 1970s. She served on the School Board, and she was an energetic, dependable member of the Rescue Squad. She was also drawn to the library. In 1981 she was appointed as a substitute librarian, and in late 1982 she became the librarian.

In that setting many residents could get to know her better, and enjoy her humor. She was passionate about building up the children's section of the library. She and her husband donated new tables and stools for the children's area, and started a fund in her name for the purchase of children's books. She supervised the installation of new shelving, a new central desk area and other important equipment that was made possible by George Beyea's stunning bequest of \$30,000 to the library.

Diane was also a steady smoker, in the days when many people were still smoking. But there were heavy hearts when it was learned that she had developed cancer, which finally took her life in April 1987. She was one of two people to whom the Town Report was dedicated that year. The Library Trustees wrote, "For her dedicated service on the Rescue Squad, School Board and as our town librarian. When we think of Diane we will remember her hearty laughter, her love of children, her devotion to this town, and with these memories we will feel her presence."

### Dudley Road

We have watched as Dudley Road grew to the long, gently winding road it is today. We could say how appropriate it was to give this long road the name of a family that has had such a

long association with the town. The first Dudley in the area, Rev. Samuel Dudley, was a man of extraordinary character, integrity, leadership, and ability to succeed. He was engaged by the citizens of Exeter in 1650 to be their pastor. He served the town for thirty-three years in several capacities including Representative to the Legislature, Speaker of the House, Superior Court Judge, and business leader. His first two wives died; his third was living when he died in 1683 at age seventy-three. With the three wives he fathered no less than eighteen children, most of whom lived to marry and start their own families.

Thus began the long succession of Dudleys in the area. Many of them seemed to have inherited their ancestor's ability for successful enterprises and leadership, whether as farmers, mill owners, military officers, or government leaders. There were Dudley families in the Brentwood area many years before it became a town separate from Exeter in 1742, and we still have Dudleys with us today.

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## Friends of the Library

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To this Brentwood girl growing up Halloween time meant that there was a big annual party at the BRC. That is the Brentwood Community Center to the Millennial's out there. My classmates and I would all get dressed up in the same costumes that we had proudly paraded around the Resource Room in at Swasey earlier in the week. With anticipation, I would open the doors to the dark BRC room and run into it knowing it would be filled with all of my friends, food and candy. We would be childhood drunk on the delight of just being out late and too much sugar.

There are many events that the current children of Brentwood will look back on one day and have wonderful memories of too. I truly hope some of those will remember the Scarecrow Festivals held in the Fall at the Library.

By the time this article is printed the Festival will have occurred. All the photos will be posted and the memories will have been made. Luckily though, it is never too early to say thank you. The Friends of the Library would proudly like to give thanks to the following businesses and sponsors for their time and support of the Scarecrow Festival.

**Current Businesses to thank for donations or discounts:** Scammons, Patriot Trophy, Shaws, Hannaford, Walmart, Apple Annie's, Starbucks

**Current Sponsors to thank:** Brentwood Country Animal Hospital, Brentwood Country Store/Lindy's, Matthew Eaton Builders, Bayside Distributing, Brentwood Chiropractic, Apple Annie's, Donahue, Tucker & Ciandella (DTC) Lawyers, Skin and Nail Therapies by Patti Murby, Tony Lecler, State Farm Insurance, Sunrise Farms, Action Kids Athletics, Swasey Parent Faculty Group, Brentwood Appliance, Downward Dog Companion Dog Training, Krista Larson/Blue Polly Boutique

**Also:** Volunteer Bakers, Hayley Van-Gils for Story Time

*Mary Clancey, on behalf of Friends of the Library*

## The Budget Committee is Back in Session

The Budget Committee began the 2016 budget season at the end of September. The committee welcomes two new elected members, Melissa Hanlon and Keith Levitsky, as well as the new Swasey School Board representative, Amy Mitchell.

Our first several meetings focused on reviewing and updating the Budget Committee By Laws, which act to detail committee membership, roles, responsibilities, and guidelines for meeting procedures. Many of our activities and procedures must adhere to New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated (RSAs), which are reflected in our By Laws. An updated copy of the amended By Laws will be available on the town website following final committee approval.

Ever wonder how the town budget is reviewed? The budget committee, if possible, waits to review individual departmental budgets until the Selectman have met with department heads and voted on the budget they would like to put forward. This departmental budget is then given to the Budget Committee to review at the next available budget meeting, often in conjunction with a presentation from the department head.

The Budget Committee then undergoes the task of evaluating the individual departmental requests, gathering further information, and making recommendations. This process may take multiple meetings depending on the size and complexity of each department's budget, and may require several rounds of consideration both by the Budget Committee and the Selectman in cases in which we do not agree.

Often, the Budget Committee and Selectman find common ground and ultimately recommend the same budget. If you have attended a March Town Meeting, you may recall that there are years in which the Budget Committee and Selectman put forward different recommendations. It is then the 'voice' of town

residents that determines the final approved town budget.

While the Budget Committee evaluates the needs of each town department, the committee is ultimately tasked with considering not only individual departmental budgets, but also town warrant articles and the Swasey School budget, in order to understand the overall financial impact on taxpayers. It is this overarching view that helps guide our final recommendations.

All budget meetings are open to the public. A schedule of meetings through the end of December 2015 is included. Unfortunately, a schedule of which budgets are to be considered at each meeting is not feasible. It is a highly fluid process in which the Budget Committee strives to review individual budgets as they become available.

### Budget Committee Members

Krista Steger, <i>Chair</i>	William Faria
Malcolm Allison, <i>Secretary</i>	Elyse Gallo
Melissa Hanlon	Keith Levitsky
Jeff Bryan, <i>Selectman Representative</i>	
Amy Mitchell, <i>School Board Representative</i>	

### Budget Committee Meeting Schedule

Meetings are held at 7:00 pm at the Town Offices unless otherwise posted. Additional meetings may be held or scheduled meetings canceled depending on the availability of budgets for review. The most up-to-date schedule can be found on the town website.

November 9, 2015	December 14, 2015
November 16, 2015	December 21, 2015
November 30, 2015	

**Krista Steger**, *Chair*

*Submitted on behalf of the Budget Committee*

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## Brentwood Gardeners

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Almost At the October meeting of the Brentwood Gardeners all attention was drawn toward the kitchen as Tracey Miller, guest speaker, talked about root vegetables and delicious ways to cook them. Thanks to Tracey for taking time from her busy schedule and to Torie for arranging the program.

On **Saturday, November 7** the Gardeners will do the annual fall cleanup of the town gardens and traffic islands. Members will meet at **9:00 am** at the Dalton Road triangle with rakes, gloves, tarps, clippers and/or serrated knives for cutting grasses, etc.

The November program will be held on **Tuesday, November 17, at 7:00 pm** in the Fellowship Room of the Pilgrim Church on Middle Road. Members will make Thanksgiving/Christmas season floral arrangements with Shannon from The Green Griffin as teacher and coach. Members are to bring their own containers and also money to cover the cost of Shannon's flowers and greenery, \$5.00 for members and \$10.00 for non-members.

New members are always welcome at the Gardeners' meetings. We're not a "fancy" garden club, just country gardeners who enjoy working with our plants and with each other. For more information please call a Co-Presidents Torie Freeman, 778-3748, or Linda Rousseau, 580-2358.

**Linda Rousseau** for the Gardeners

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## Brentwood Seniors

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The Brentwood Seniors will meet on **Wednesday, November 18, at 11:00 am** at the Brentwood Community Center. Please note the date is one week earlier than usual because of the Thanksgiving holiday. Members and friends will gather at 11:00 am for appetizers and social hour. The business meeting will begin at 11:30 am, after which a buffet lunch will be available. Members will be notified of the type of lunch for which to bring food. The program will begin after the luncheon.

Visitors and new members are always welcome. You do not have to be a resident of Brentwood to join the Seniors. For information about the group please call the President, Alma Vahey, 679-8635.

**Linda Rousseau** for the Seniors

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# Brentwood Historical Society

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## The Bottle Program

The audience was not large at the Historical Society's "Spotlight on the Bottle" program but their attention and enthusiasm showed we had struck a chord with yet another interest group in town. Bill Dow was an excellent speaker, full of information on the changes in bottle-making over the past 200 years and showing examples of what he was talking about. Albert Belanger, Rebecca Davis, and Alma Vahey also brought interesting collections, most of them found right here in Brentwood. Questions, answers, anecdotes, and comments filled the room as the old tall case clock chimed softly in the corner.



*Bill Dow shows a detail on an antique bottle during the recent program at the Museum.*

The Museum received two donations that night. Bruce Stevens contributed a number of bottles that had been dug up over the years at the Stevens Farm on South Road and Bill Dow gave the Museum an assortment of bottles that he found during several hours of digging around the foundation of the old Crawley Falls Bridge before the new construction began. Sincere gratitude and thanks to both of them.

## The Yard Sale

The Yard Sale took place two days later on **Saturday, October 10**. Thanks from the Historical Society to the residents and friends who contributed items to our tables. Buyers and visitors came steadily through the morning and our treasury received a nice boost in income.

## Museum Wish List

- A small braided rug to be used in the "living room" corner with the tall case clock.
- Vertical cases (ideally with glass doors) that can be placed on or against a wall for displays.

For information, visit our website at [www.brentwoodnhhistory.org](http://www.brentwoodnhhistory.org) or call Alma Vahey, President, at 679-8635.

*Linda Rousseau for the Historical Society*

## Helpful Information for Voters

### *From the Supervisors of the Checklist*

*(Mary Clancey, Mary Lee Clancey, Skip Williamson)*

There seems to be some confusion about how the process works. As you know, the Presidential Primary is every four years and a State Primary every two years.

Primary Elections are the only elections where the voter has to declare a political party. If you are a registered Republican or Democrat, to vote you will need to take the appropriate ballot. If you are registered as Undeclared, to vote you must declare a party and take either a Republican or Democrat ballot.

Here the important part in declaring a party is that, **if you want to remain Undeclared**, you must see the Supervisors immediately after voting. The Supervisors will have you sign the Return to Undeclared book. This book lists the names of all the registered undeclared voters including those new voters registered on Election Day. The header at the top of all pages in the *Return to Undeclared* book reads "I hereby request that my political party be changed from Party Choice to Undeclared." signed under the pains and penalties of perjury (RSA 654:34). You will be required to write down how you voted in the Primary Election and sign your name. These actions will return you to your previous Undeclared status.

If you are an Undeclared registered voter and you take either a Republican or Democrat ballot and **DON'T STOP AND SEE** the Supervisors immediately after voting to change back to Undeclared status, **you will no longer be an Undeclared voter**. The party ballot you selected for voting will be recorded and posted on the Official Voter Checklist as your party of choice. **This is how someone who was previously registered Undeclared now sees their name on the checklist as either a Republican or a Democrat.**

If you are uncertain about your current status, you can view the Voter Checklist at the Town Clerk's Office and it is also on the Town's Website.

Please note that the information noted on the **Checklist is public information**: voter number, voter name, resident and mailing addresses and party declaration (RSA 654.31), however, the database in which other voter information is recorded is private and confidential and is not public information.



# Brentwood Recreation

**Office hours: Mon. Tues. & Thurs. 8:30 am-3:30 pm  
(603) 642-6400 ext. 20**

[recreation@brentwoodnh.gov](mailto:recreation@brentwoodnh.gov)

Unless otherwise specified, program sign-ups are available online or by contacting the Recreation Office.

## THANK YOU

THANK YOU to all of our Youth Soccer coaches and volunteers!!

Thank you to the hard working volunteers who coached our youth soccer program this fall. We had close to 30 parents coaching and running the field with our 16 teams. Thank you for your time, effort and patience!

## CIZE LIVE! FITNESS CLASS NEW NIGHT!

Looking for a new kind of exercise?

Dance your way to the best shape of your life and have FUN doing it!! If you think you can't dance, don't worry! Our instructor Emma breaks it down using a step-by-step, move by move, routine that makes it easy to do and learn! You'll be having so much fun you will forget you're burning calories!!

**Wednesday evenings 6:30 pm**

**November 11th - December 30th**

**Cost: \$60/session or \$10 drop-in**

Sign-up through the Recreation office or online through our website

## ADULT YOGA CLASS

Offered by Alicia Rossman RN, LD, E-RYT owner of *Let's Get Movin'*!

Drop in and try our class any Tuesday!

If you try the class and then register for the full session, your first class is FREE!

**Tuesday Evenings**

**6:30 pm-7:30 pm**

**Next 8 week session begins 11/17 but you can join at any time!**

**\$64/ eight weeks**

Drop-ins always welcome \$10/class (Register at class)

The class is designed to strengthen and stretch the body, improve balance, flexibility, and focus. Learn breathing and relaxation techniques to use throughout your daily activities. The breathing gets the body ready to move, the movement prepares the body to relax, and the relaxation allows the mind to focus on meditation. You will feel rejuvenated, strong, and refreshed. All levels of ability are welcome and prior yoga experience is not necessary. [letsgetmovin.com](http://letsgetmovin.com)

## SMARTPHONE "HELP" WORKSHOP

**Does your smartphone make you feel dumb?**

Thad Riley of Riley Wireless Insights will be hosting a FREE workshop **November 14 at 9:00** at the Brentwood Community Center. Thad will be leading us through a discussion of maximizing your services through your cellphone company, teaching you everything you need to know about your smartphone and apps, and so much more. There will be a dedicated Q&A time at the end, along with an opportunity to schedule a one-on-one tutorial with Thad. Register through the Recreation office or by email to [thad@rileywireless.com](mailto:thad@rileywireless.com) or phone 603-397-9211

## YOUTH BASKETBALL

K-2nd Grade will begin their season on Saturday, December 5th.

Travel teams for 3rd-8th will also begin their season **Saturday, December 5**

Schedules will be available on the Recreation website

## MEN'S 30+ BASKETBALL

Our Men's 30+ Pick-up Basketball program will start on **Thursday, December 3, 7:30-9:00 pm** at the Phillips Exeter Academy gym in Exeter.

Sign-up forms are available at the Recreation office or on our website. Online registration is also available.

**Deadline is November 12. Cost: \$80/10 weeks.**

## READING WITH THE RESIDENTS

We will be joining residents at the Rockingham Rehabilitation and Nursing Center in Brentwood

**November 12 and December 10 at 3:45 pm.**

Children can bring their favorite book to read. Residents will be treated to a great story and the kids will get an opportunity to practice reading. They're sure to make someone's day!

Children in grades 2-5 who would like to read to residents are welcome to join us!

Please contact the Recreation office for more information or to reserve a spot for your reader.

## YOGA MOVEMENT FOR SENIORS

Join us at the Brentwood Community Center Tuesday mornings for this FREE class. **1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month at 10:00 am, 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 9:00 am.**

This gentle movement class helps seniors improve range of motion, flexibility, and balance and will help relieve your aches and pains. No experience necessary. This is a great social activity too!

## Brentwood Recreation

### LITTLE PEOPLE PLAYGROUP

Join us **Thursday** mornings for playgroup (and some adult interaction!) at the

**Brentwood Community Center from 9:00 am-11:00 am**

### COMMUNITY CENTER AND PLAYING FIELD RENTAL

The Brentwood Community Center is available to rent for parties, receptions, meetings and more. Brentwood residents receive discounted rental rates! See our website for pictures of the Center and rental application or pick up an application at the Recreation office. For information regarding field rentals, please contact the recreation office.

*Margaret Dullea for the Recreation Office*

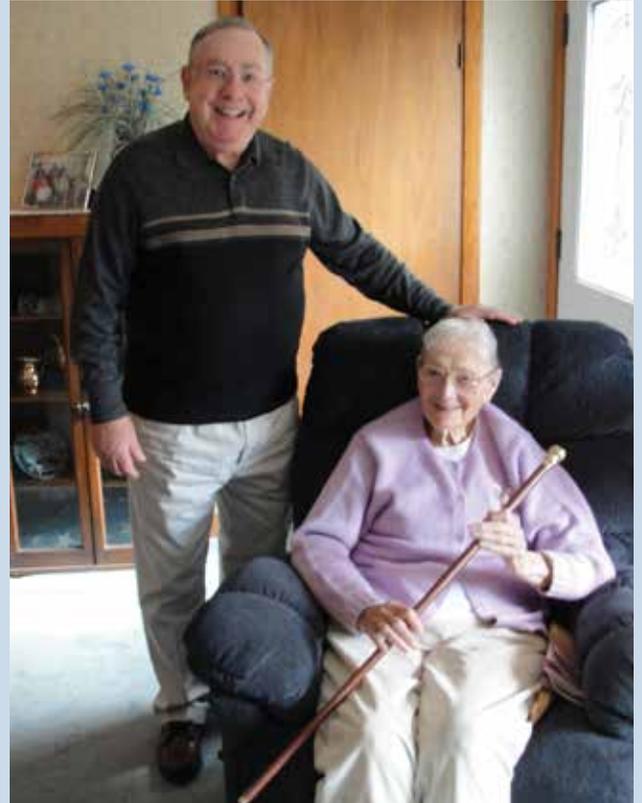
### Pilgrim United Church 20th Annual Christmas Tea

Grace Ministries International would like to invite all ladies in the Rockingham County area to this year's 20th Annual Christmas Tea on **Friday, December 4, 2015**. Doors open promptly at **6:30 pm** with festivities starting at 7:00 pm, located at 263 Rt. 125 Brentwood, NH, across from Bessie's Diner.

We welcome everyone to be a part of this cherished event. Whether you'd like to host a table or attend as a guest, all are welcome! There's wonderful entertainment, delicious food, and a lot of joy, as we celebrate this beautiful time of year.

If you have been a part of this event before you know you will not want to miss out! If it is your first time joining us, it will be a night of joyous laughter and wholesome fun! It will be a fantastic "girls' night out" or special "mother & daughter" night. Come early and tour the hall filled with beautifully decorated tables. Promptly at 7:00 pm the "butlers" will begin to serve lovely finger foods and tasty teas and the entertainment follows. Tickets are \$25 per person. The proceeds will go to the Hope Health Care Clinic in Nairobi, Kenya. The building was completed in April, 2013 and needs additional funding to open its doors to the community. Funds will be used to purchase medical equipment and supplies. It is the first of its kind, in the area, and will be providing medical care where there has been none available before for children and families. Ladies, if you would like to host a table of eight, there is plenty of space available. Please contact Beverly at the office 603-642-7848 or our web page at [gmi-admin@gracemi.org](mailto:gmi-admin@gracemi.org) for more information.

The amount of fun: PRICELESS!



*The Town of Brentwood recently honored Ruth Sampson, 98, of Lyford Lane (seated) with the presentation of the Boston Post Cane, which is awarded to the oldest person in town. Ken Christiansen, chairman of the Selectmen, gave her a handsome replica of the original cane, which is on permanent display at the Town Office Building. The tradition was started in the 1920s, when the Boston Post sent cane to some 700 New England towns to be presented to the oldest resident of each town.*



*Christmas tea at Pilgrim United Church*

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Nov. 5 Cemetery Trustees – 5:00 pm, Town Office Building.  
Planning Board – 7:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building.  
“Fed Up” – 7:15, Brentwood Library. Film in “Raising Healthy Kids/Wellness” Series.
- Nov. 7 Annual fall cleanup, town gardens & traffic islands, led by Brentwood Gardeners members & friends.  
Meet 9:00 am at Dalton Road triangle.
- Nov. 9 Budget Committee – 7:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building.  
Brentwood Democratic Committee – 7:00 pm, 33 Peabody Drive, Brentwood.  
**Adoptive Families Support Group** – 6:30 pm, Pilgrim UCC Church, 197 Middle Rd.  
*Old Man on a Bicycle: A Ride across America* – **Don Petterson speaker & author.** 7:00 pm, Brentwood Library.
- Nov. 10 Selectmen’s meeting – 6:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building.  
Sign a card to servicemen – Brentwood Library.
- Nov. 11 Friends of the Library – 12:30 pm, Brentwood Library.  
Conservation Commission – 7:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building.
- Nov. 12 Historical Society board business meeting – 10:00 am, Brentwood Museum.  
**Ladies & Gents Movie Night** – “Mr. Holmes,” 7:00 pm, Brentwood Library.
- Nov. 13 **Merry Olde Fair– 2:00-5:00 pm, First Baptist Church,** corner North Rd. & Rte. 125.  
**Christmas Shoe Boxes due – Baptist Church vestry.**
- Nov. 14 **Merry Olde Fair – 9:00 am – 2:00 pm, First Baptist Church,** corner North Rd. & Rte. 125.
- Nov. 16 Library Trustees – 6:30 pm, Brentwood Library.  
Budget Committee – 7:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building.
- Nov. 17 Selectmen’s meeting – 6:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building  
Parent Faculty Group – 6:30 pm, Swasey School Library  
Brentwood Gardeners – 7:00 pm, Pilgrim Church Fellowship Hall, Middle Road.
- Nov. 18 Brentwood Seniors – 1:00 am, Community Center. **Date is one week early.**
- Nov. 19 Planning Board – 7:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building.
- Nov. 24 Selectmen’s meeting – 6:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building.
- Nov. 30 Budget Committee – 7:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building.  
Brentwood Bookers – 7:00 pm, Brentwood Library.

### DECEMBER

- Dec. 1 Selectmen’s meeting – 7:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building
- Dec. 3 Cemetery Trustees – 5:00 pm, Town Office Building, Sanborn Room  
Planning Board – 7:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building
- Dec. 5 **Christmas Fair & Luncheon 9:00 am – 1:00 pm, Pilgrim Church UCC,** 197 Middle Road.
- Dec. 7 School Board meeting – 6:00 pm, Library, Swasey School.  
Trails Committee – 7:00 pm, Town Office Building.

~ *The public is welcome at all above events* ~

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